

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Trip to Find Paul Townsend

FROM: Chip Hosford

TO: File

DATE: September 25, 1996

This memorandum summarizes my trip to (b) (6) to locate Paul Townsend, a former truck driver for Ernest Barkman. Barry Townsend, Paul's brother, and Donna, his sister-in-law, had stated in earlier interviews that Paul had moved to (b) (6) several years ago. They also mentioned that Paul would be able to tell EPA more about Alcoa disposal practices.

I arrived in (b) (6) at approximately 3:00 PM and spoke with Harold Blankenship, Chief Investigator, (b) (6) Police Department, who stated that he did not recognize Mr. Townsend's name. When I told him that Mr. Townsend may live up on (b) (6) Mr. Blankenship asked if Mr. Townsend was from the (b) (6) area. If not, the people who lived up there would tell me where he is. Detective Blankenship also suggested I contact the County Sheriff's office and ask if they had heard of Mr. Townsend.

Subsequently, I stopped at the County Sheriff's office and spoke with Detective Sargent Roy Gooch and Detective Sargent (b) (6). Detective Gooch checked with the (b) (6) Department of Motor Vehicles which did not list a license in Paul Townsend's name. Det. Gooch suggested talking to Donnie Williams who lives in the (b) (6) area and owns a used car lot in (b) (6).

At 4:30 PM I arrived at Donnie Williams used car lot on (b) (6). Mr. Williams said he knows Paul Townsend and is selling him the trailer Mr. Townsend is living in. Mr. Williams gave me directions to Mr. Townsend's trailer and stated that Mr. Townsend should be home around 5:00 PM.

I arrived at Mr. Townsend's trailer at about 6:00 PM and met Mr. Townsend and his wife. We sat at their kitchen table and talked about the Site and Mr. Townsend's role there. Mr. Townsend's two sons, roughly (b) (6) also ran in and out of the room continuously.

Mr. Townsend began working for Mr. Barkman at the Site when he was approximately 16 although he could not remember the exact date. (Note: Mr. Townsend was born on (b) (6). Therefore, he went to work for Mr. Barkman in 1970 or 1971.)

He began work for Mr. Barkman as a trash thrower on the the

back of a residential trash truck. Later (he did not specify when) he got his "Class 2" license and began driving for Mr. Barkman. Mr. Townsend drove "ten-wheelers" or roll-off container trucks to various accounts in the Honeybrook/Lancaster area such as New Holland, Lititz, etc. Mr. Barkman also had Mr. Townsend help the mechanics in the garage when there was not enough trash hauling to do. (b) (6) (h)

Several times in the 1970's Mr. Townsend went to New Holland Machinery and picked up a roll-off container full of closed 55-gallon drums. The drums were stacked two high in the roll-off and many had "Paint" or "Paint Thinner" printed on their sides. Mr. Townsend stated that they smelled of paint thinner. He knew they were loaded with liquids because he would have to move them around in the roll-off and the contents sloshed as he moved them. He thought they contained used paint and paint thinners because of the smell and the labels.

Mr. Townsend hauled these roll-offs back to the Site and dropped them at the Site. I showed him an arial photograph of the Site, labeled "Exhibit I" and he pointed to the area in the photograph containing empty roll-offs as the spot where he dropped the full roll-off from Hew Holland. When Mr. Townsend returned to the Site later that day after making several trips to other locations, the roll-off was gone. This happened 2 or 3 times in the 1970's. Mr. Townsend tried to remember the date which he and his wife agreed must have been after 1973 because it was after they started seeing each other. The other event that happened that year was that the Asian flu killed all the poultry.

Mr. Townsend stated that he only hauled regular trash, wood, paper, etc. from the Alcoa plant. Alcoa had a compactor inside the plant and Mr. Townsend picked it up when it was full.

Mr. Townsend only hauled junk from Schick, razor blade materials, etc. No liquids.


Mr. Townsend also worked for for Charles and Joe Bloesinski between 1973 and 1978.

I asked Mr. Townsend if he knew of anyone who would know of what was dumped at the Site. He stated the best person is Jimmy Good but that he is too tight with Mr. Barkman and will not talk.

Although Mr. Townsend's address is listed as (b) (6) (b) (6) he actually lives in a trailer at the end of (b) (6) (b) (6). The trailer is in bad condition with the windows broken out and pigs and other barnyard animals wandering about. Uncountable dogs and cats also populate the yard wandering in and out of the debris in the yard.

Interviewer's impressions:

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DECLARATION

I, Paul W. Townsend, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1746 and under penalty of perjury, declare that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I worked for Ernest Barkman during the 1970's. At first, I worked on residential routes. Later, I drove roll-off container trucks serving Barkman's industrial customers.

New Holland Machinery in Lancaster County was one of the Barkman customers I serviced. I picked up scrap metal and other materials in roll-off containers.

I picked up a roll-off container at New Holland Machinery full of closed 55-gallon drums. The drums were stacked two high and had dried paint running down the sides. The drums contained liquids, and smelled of paint and paint thinners.

I hauled the drums in the roll-off container to Barkman's landfill on Welsh Road in Honey Brook, where I left them.

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